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(C) Embassy Officer delivered the reftel demarche to Veronika Kuchynova-Smigolova, the Czech MFA's Director of Security Policy, and her deputy, Petr Chalupecky on March 18. They appreciated receiving our points and confirmed that they would refrain from making public statements. They also said that they hoped the U.S. would be able to reach a new agreement with the Kyrgyz or find an appropriate alternative to Manas.

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